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(Case No. 99,297)

In the Application of:

Yatvin, et al.

Serial No. 09/993,976

Filed: November 5, 2001

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Compounds with Amino Acids and Amino Acid  
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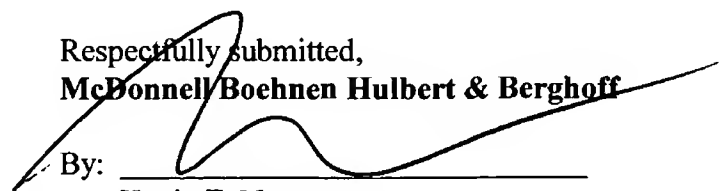
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED OCTOBER 2, 2003**

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003. Please amend this application as shown below. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims of this application.

Claims 1-11, 18 and 19 are pending in this application. Claims 12-17 and 20-33 have been cancelled as a result of a previous restriction requirement. The cancellation of claims 12-17 and 20-33 is made without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of the present amendment.